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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Communication dated December 31, 2002. Any necessary fees in connection with this matter should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5.

Attached hereto to be made of record is a Supplemental Reissue Declaration Of Assignee Of Entire Interest stating in paragraph 4 that it is applicants' belief that the original Patent is partly inoperative or invalid based upon the inclusion of claim 5 which applicants consider unpatentable in view of the reference cited in the European Search Report. The Supplemental Reissue Declaration also contains, in paragraph 3, acknowledgment of applicants' duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.



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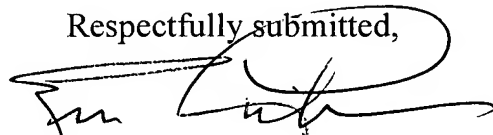
REMARKS

The allegation that the Oath or Declaration is defective is respectfully traversed. The attached submission of the Supplemental Reissue Declaration of the assignee states that the inventors are joint inventors of the claimed invention and that the applicants believe the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid as required in 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and that applicants acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability under 37 CFR 1.56. Accordingly, the rejection of the Oath or Declaration as being defective should now be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC, section 251 is respectfully traversed. Applicant has clearly canceled claim 5 and accordingly the rejection of claims 1-7 should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the reissue application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

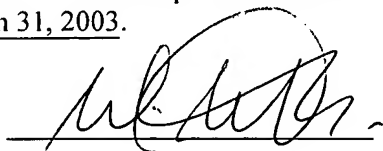


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